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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENTS FOR  
UNINSURED STUDENTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The department of education has instituted a  
2 zero tolerance policy with regard to students who possess, sell,  
3 consume, or use intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs while  
4 attending school, or who reasonably appear to have consumed or  
5 used intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs prior to attending  
6 department-supervised activities held on or off school property.  
7 Any student found to be in violation of either provision of this  
8 policy is subject to the department's disciplinary rules. The  
9 student may be allowed to return to school earlier than the  
10 department's original disciplinary determination, if the student  
11 gives the school evidence of: (a) a completed substance abuse  
12 assessment and the student is progressing toward clinical  
13 discharge from any substance abuse treatment or substance abuse  
14 counseling recommended by the substance abuse assessment, or (b)  
15 if the substance abuse assessment finds the student does not  
16 need substance abuse treatment or substance abuse counseling,  
17 provided that the student provides a certified copy of the



1 assessment, and the student's parent or legal guardian consents  
2 to the student receiving follow-up counseling or other student  
3 support services to be provided by the department.

4 Assessment is the process of evaluating or appraising a  
5 candidate's suitability for substance abuse treatment and  
6 placement in a specific treatment modality or setting. This  
7 evaluation includes information on current and past use and  
8 abuse of drugs; justice system involvement; medical, familial,  
9 social, educational, military, employment, and treatment  
10 histories; and risk for infectious diseases (e.g., sexually  
11 transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis).  
12 Publicly-funded assessment services are needed for students who  
13 lack the necessary financial resources or who are uninsured.

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to  
15 establish an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance  
16 abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in  
17 violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy  
18 relating to alcohol and other drugs.

19 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or so  
21 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for  
22 an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse



1 assessments for students who are found to be in violation of the  
2 department of education's "zero tolerance" policy relating to  
3 alcohol and other drugs.

4 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the  
5 department of health for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Report Title:**

Substance Abuse; Treatment; Uninsured Students

**Description:**

Establishes an "assessment bank" to cover the cost of substance abuse assessments for uninsured students who are found to be in violation of the department of education's zero tolerance policy relating to alcohol and other drugs. Makes appropriation.

